

KARO-ECHO Membership Meeting

August 9, 2021

via Zoom

Attendees

Hal Graboske	KK6NDF
Howdy Goudey	KE6BEE
Don Simon	NI6A
Annette McCoubrey	KJ6SWK
Larry Vanselow	KK6GIO
Tom Fattaruso	KN6BUY
Diane Richwine	KK6RED
David Swanson	KJ6AAT
Marion Gade	KC6OBK
Jerry Michaels	K6KOP
Karen Leong Fenton	KK6ZPM
Jay Fenton	KJ6WSS
Curt Smith	KM6HFT
Blake Yeaman	KN6CMP
Susan Yeaman	KN6CMR
Martha Richards	KN6ELO

Agenda:

- Training and Operations
 - Preparation for Fall SET
 - Date selection (Nov. 13 or Oct.16)
 - Structure and scenario
 - Training review/discussion of past SET recording selections
- Old business
 - Distribution of GMRS radios
 - Any updates/ideas regarding physical meeting locations
 - Reiterate recruitment of new officers (coming "retirements")
- New business
 - [Member survey concept feedback](#) (purpose/content review)
- Tech./Infrastructure
 - Goal to get up to three new patch boxes in place before (and used during) the Fall SET
 - KCC

- Cerrito Vista
 - Canyon Trail
- Report on Natalie's antenna removal
- Elmering
 - Recent request/updates
- Treasurer/Funding
 - Treasurer report
- Outreach/PR/web
 - Appointment of Blake KN6CMP to Outreach/PR manager
- Neighborhood nets and Comm. hubs
 - 1st Wed., reports

The meeting was called to order.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the July meeting minutes.

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Training session

Planning for upcoming fall SET:

- Date could be Oct. 16 or Nov. 13, to be determined later. October could be while fire departments are busy fighting wildfires but in November it could be raining.
- An attempt will be made to increase public awareness and invite more visitors.
- An attempt will be made to include neighborhood nets.
- How can we include Richmond, Albany, and other communities not in El Cerrito or Kensington?

Training exercise:

Audio recordings of different segments of the spring SET were played and critiques were made as to how the situations could be handled more quickly, with more clarity, and with less ambiguity.

Business session

Old business

- Two B-Tech GMRS V1 radios are being distributed to active neighborhood network groups.
- A location for in-person meetings is being investigated. The Kensington “Youth Hut” is a possibility, we have a key but don’t know yet whether meetings will be OKed.

- Two vacancies for KE officers, president and treasurer, will need to be filled next year.

New business

- The idea of a member survey is being considered. One aim would be to try to learn why some members are not active in the group. Feedback is appreciated.
- The differences between CERT areas and Zone Haven areas is not well understood. Suggestions were that CERT areas could be for shelter-in-place and might be helpful for earthquakes while Zone Haven is for evacuation, maybe route, maybe order, and might be helpful during a fire.

Technical

- KM6UCF's roof antenna has been taken down.
- Antenna patchboxes are still needed at some locations.

Treasurer report

- The treasurer report is in the newsletter.

Elmering

- NI6A had 20 requests for information and help on multiple subjects. Requests have been made directly to Don rather than through the KE website "elmer" link.

Outreach/Recruiting

- KN6CMP is taking on outreach.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting.